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To: County Engineers
City Engineers
MnDOT District State Aid Engineers
MnDOT District Materials Engineers
FHWA

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Subject: Implementation of MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction, 2016 Edition

Expiration

This Technical Memorandum supersedes [State Aid Rule 8820.2500, Subpart 2](#), and [Chapter 6.III.A of the 2015 State Aid Manual](#). It will remain in effect until the 2016 edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction is replaced, and that replacement edition goes into effect.

Implementation

The direction contained in this Technical Memorandum affects all State Aid and Federal Aid funded projects that are off the National Highway or Trunk Highway Systems.

Introduction/Purpose

MnDOT has approved and published the *MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction, 2016 Edition*. [MnDOT Technical Memorandum No. 15-01-TS-03](#) contains more information on the release of these specifications.

State Aid and Federal Aid funded projects that are off the National Highway or the Trunk Highway Systems often rely on specific special provisions provided by the State Aid for Local Transportation (SALT) office, or developed by local agencies themselves. In order to provide a reasonable amount of time for local agencies to prepare plans, while also ensuring that the same specifications are consistently used on local projects receiving State Aid and/or Federal Aid funding, the requirements in this Technical Memorandum set clear dates for implementation of the 2016 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction on local projects.

Guidelines

Projects that meet one or more of the following conditions shall utilize the 2016 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction:

- Projects with bid opening on or after August 1, 2016
- Projects in which construction activities are to begin in 2017 or later

Projects meeting one or more of the above conditions shall have the following note placed on the Construction Plan title sheet and the cover of the Proposal:

"The 2016 Edition of the Minnesota Department of Transportation 'Standard Specifications for Construction' shall govern."

Project shall utilize the 2016 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction throughout the project. This includes the Trns*port List, Special Provisions, and Schedule of Materials Control associated with the 2016 Edition, if they are used.

NOTE: State Aid or Federal Aid projects that are on the National Highway or Trunk Highway Systems shall follow [MnDOT Technical Memorandum No. 15-01-TS-03](#). This requires that all projects bid on

October 23, 2015 or later shall utilize the 2016 Edition of the MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction. Any exceptions to the requirements within that Technical Memorandum must be granted by the MnDOT State Design Engineer.

Questions

For information on the technical contents of this memorandum, please contact Mitch Bartelt, State Aid Construction Engineer, at 651-366-3832.

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